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THE following Addreſs has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Honourable George Doddington, Eſq; Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the County of Somerſet. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Poor Sufferers in the late dreadful Fire at Blandford, in the County of Dorſet.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal (tho' diſtreſſed) Subjects, humbly beg Leave to return your Majeſty our moſt hearty Thanks for your late Royal Munificence to us, even before our Confuſion had permitted us to lay our deplorable Circumſtances at your Royal Feet. Was it poſſible for us truly to repreſent our preſent Sufferings, we ſhould forbear to lay ſuch a Scene of Misery before your Majeſty, which muſt be ſhocking to all thoſe that have the leaſt Remains of Compaſſion. We had nothing lately to wiſh for, but the Continuance of our Happineſs under your Majeſty's mild Adminiſtration; and tho' we may now juſtly ſtyle ourſelves the meaneſt (or the moſt miſerable) Part of your Majeſty's Subjects, we cannot deſpair of having our Loſſes in ſome Meaſure repaired by the generous Charity of our Fellow Subjects, when we conſider that neither Encouragement nor Example from the Throne is wanting to excite them to pity and relieve us.

That your Majeſty's Reign may be long and glorious; and that there may never be wanting a Prince of your illuſtrious Houſe to inherit your Virtues and your Crown, ſhall be the conſtant Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal (though much afflicted) Subjects.

Caſſel, Aug. 20, *N. S.* On the 17th at Night M. de Villebois, the French Miniſter, arrived here from Swalbach, and Yeſterday had a long Audience of the King of Sweden. The ſame Day were ſeverally introduced to his Majeſty, M. Iterode Envoy from the King of Poland, M. Sukan from the Court of Anſpach, M. Reſin from that of Wolfembuttel, and M. Riedeſſel Grand Marſhal of the Court of Saxe-Eiſenach, who all complimented his Majeſty on the Part of their reſpective Courts upon his ſafe Arrival in his German Dominions. As his Swediſh Majeſty has declared his Intentions of paſſing his Troops in Review, he will on Wedneſday the 22d begin with the three Regiments in Garriſon here, and the two Battallions of Prince Maximilian, who are to march hither for that Purpoſe from Eſchwege; and the Day following will ſee the Regiments of Roznenburg and Diemar, with one Squadron of Prince Maximilian's Horſe. His Majeſty deſigns farther to make a Progreſs ſome little Time after into the Landgraviate, to Smalcalde and Marburgh, between which Places he will review ſuch